Application Ser. No. 10/827,044 Attorney Docket No. 2002-055 Client Ref. No. PU03 0076US2

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected independent claims 1, 32, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Shahoian, but indicated that their respective dependent claims 2, 33, and 45 contained allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 32, and 44 to incorporate the subject matter of their respective allowed dependent claims 2, 33, and 45. In light of the amendments, all claims are now in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

COATS & BENNETT, A.

Dated: January 11, 2006

Stephen A. Hefrefa

Registration No.: 47,642

P.O. Box 5

Raleigh, NC 27602

Telephone: (919) 854-1844 Facsimile: (919) 854-2084